

## STONINGTON CASE TO JURY

Arguments and Charge in Trial of Luis Pepi and Julius Fuls Were Finished Thursday—Pepi Surrendered by His Bondsman—New London Woman Put on Probation.

In the superior court here on Thursday the court was occupied all day with the continuation of the trial of Luis Pepi and Julius Fuls of Stonington, accused of assault with intent to murder Albert B. Hall in Stonington on the afternoon of Dec. 3d. The weapons used, it is asserted in the complaint, were a pickaxe handle and an axe, and the blows that were struck with the pickaxe handle were enough to break both of Hall's arms below the elbows.

When court opened State Attorney Hull put Pepi, one of the accused, through a cross examination.

He was followed by Antonio Capacno, who was the foreman under whom Pepi worked as an employee of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at Stonington. Julius Fuls was the last witness for the defense, and then Attorney Herbert W. Rathbun for the defense rested his case.

Judge Hull called William H. Hobbart as a witness in rebuttal and both sides rested at 12:34.

Attorney Thomas Troland occupied 48 minutes in the first argument against the accused, speaking until the noon recess.

The jury in the case is the following: Abbie L. Hale, Philip Spelman, Stephen D. Moore, Norwich; John P. Hollowell, Preston; William R. Palmer, Edw. M. Gray, William A. Edmond, Cleveland; Oliver B. Fuls, Joseph E. Blakeslee, Lebanon; Herbert C. Watson, William C. Smith, Sprague; George A. Tanager, Voluntown.

During the afternoon the bondsman of Pepi surrendered him, and Judge Bennett ordered the man committed to the custody of Sheriff Brown. Pepi was taken to jail when court adjourned.

**New London Woman on Probation.**

During the court session the case of Mrs. Martha Laporte of New London was brought up. She has been in jail for getting the sum of \$380 from the Savings Bank of New London on a check that she got cashed at the bank. The check was made out to the order of Mrs. Martha Laporte.

Mrs. Laporte told the court a story of getting a check from her mother in Plattsburg, N. Y. The check came in a letter. She asked advice at the New London postoffice as to how to get the check cashed and was told to take it to a bank. At the bank a colored man identified her as the woman to whom the check was made out, and the money was paid over to her.

Her case was disposed of by committing it and she was placed in the custody of the probation officer, and is to begin to pay back the money at once.

### CONSIDERS CONNECTICUT IN PROSPEROUS CONDITION.

Labor Commissioner Hyde Answers Inquiries of a Philadelphia Newspaper.

Replying to the request of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, which published a synopsis of business prospects, Labor Commissioner William S. Hyde has reported industrial conditions to be very good in Connecticut, although records of answers to the questions which the Public Ledger propounded are not kept in this state. Among the things that were asked were the following:

What are the industrial and business conditions in your state?

To what extent and in what direction has the war affected these conditions?

What effect may be expected if the war should continue another year?

Apert from what may be expected as a result of the war, what is the general outlook in your commonwealth?

What is the approximate number of unemployed in your state?

If it should be inconvenient for you to answer this in person, will you kindly delegate some member of your state administration to reply, so that the report may carry official weight.

Commissioner Hyde replied as follows:

To the Editor of Public Ledger:

Sir—Your letter of recent date to the Hon. Marcus H. Holcomb, governor, has been turned over to this department for a reply.

Statistics along the line which you ask for are not kept by this department, so that any statements can only be general.

From the reports made by the various inspectors who go throughout the state in the course of their duties, this general statement as to conditions in Connecticut can be made. At the present time industrial and business conditions are excellent. Connecticut has a considerable number of industries which make supplies used in war. These concerns have had war orders, directly or indirectly, and their business is booming. If the war should continue, that condition would undoubtedly remain the same in those lines of industry. In other lines not directly affected by the war during the year, business has been fair, but at the present time seems to be on the gain.

There are no statistics available as to the number of unemployed in the state. However, the percentage must be rather small and is confined largely to unskilled labor. There seems to be at the present time an ample market for skilled labor of every kind.

As I have said before, the above statement is a general one, based upon observations of the investigators of this department, and is not based upon any statistics.

WILLIAM S. HYDE,  
Commissioner of Labor Statistics,  
Hartford, Dec. 13, 1915.

### GOVERNOR WILL HEAR SOLDIERS' HOME REPORT

Following Recent Investigation—Cook Resigns After Difficulty With Major Smith.

Governor Holcomb has called a meeting of the executive committee of the Soldiers' home board for next Tuesday at his office in the capitol to consider the report on the recent investigation of the affairs at the home.

Major John H. Thacher, a member of the committee, said Wednesday that the cook, Joseph Rasche, who had charge of the kitchen of the home when the investigation was held, and who was examined by Governor Holcomb, had resigned his position owing to a difficulty with Major George S. Smith of the home. Major Thacher said the retirement of the cook was the fifth change in the position that has taken place in the home since Major Smith entered on his duties.

### NORWICH SOCIETIES ENDORSE HAMILL BILL.

Their Resolutions Presented in Congress by Congressman Freeman.

In the house of representatives at Washington this week, Congressman R. P. Freeman presented many resolutions which were sent to him from various local societies endorsing the so-called "Hamill Bill" which provides for the pensioning of aged civil service employees.

The resolutions were from the White Cross council, Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's T. A. B. society, Court Quinlan, No. 123, Foresters of America, Division No. 2, A. O. U. and Court Sachem, No. 34, Foresters of America, all of Norwich.

**Silk Men Favor Protective Tariff.**

The Silk Association of America, which has Eastern headquarters, has appointed the following to represent the views of the silk men at the hearing in Washington on H. R. 92, a bill which would provide protection for domestic dressmaking manufacture. August Bunziger of the Wellesley Silk Dyeing company, Sidney Blumenthal of Sidney Blumenthal & Co., Inc., Horace B. Cheney of Cheney Brothers, Albert Blum of the United Piece Dye Works, and Charles L. Anger of the National Silk Dyeing company. The silk manufacturers as a whole are in favor of a protective tariff for dressmaking, as they believe the absence of an anti-dumping law would not work out successfully.

### GOOD CHANCE FOR RAISING OF BEEF

Secretary Healey of Board of Agriculture Wants Connecticut to Take Hold.

Leonard H. Healey, secretary of the state board of agriculture, expressed the opinion, Tuesday afternoon, that there was a bright future for the cattle trade of Connecticut if developed along business lines. He said there were a half dozen farmers in the state engaged in the raising of beef and their experience made it clear that the business was profitable. The largest herd consisted of 50 animals and the margin of profit on each animal was encouraging.

Secretary Healey thought, however, that the farmers who engaged in the cattle raising business should form co-operative societies for the purpose of slaughtering the animals and marketing the dressed beef. He said five or six cattle men could have their own butcher and their own slaughter house and refrigerators, and in that way save the profit of the middleman for themselves.

The gloomy view taken by some people of the future of agriculture in Connecticut was not shared by Secretary Healey. He has faith in the fertility of the soil of the state and in its adaptability for general agricultural purposes. There was a great deal of grazing land which was not used for the purpose for which it was intended. It was stated some time ago by an authority on agricultural affairs in this state that during the past 30 years thousands of acres of land in Connecticut had gone out of cultivation and were now in disuse. The land was admirably adapted for grazing purposes.

### FAVORABLE RESULTS FROM HELPING THE INDIANS

Reports Made at Meeting of Norwich Indian Association.

A meeting of the Norwich Indian association was held on Tuesday morning and conducted by the president, Mrs. F. E. Dowe. After the usual reports, plans were made to hold a public meeting later this month at which R. B. Hall should be present and give an illustrated lecture on the Y. M. C. A. work he is doing among our Indian neighbors.

The death of Susan La Flesche was noted, whom many in this city knew as a skillful Indian woman physician of the Omaha tribe for whom she established a hospital. Letters from an Indian student at Hampton, Va., and another at Springfield, Mass., were of interest.

### STEAM SHOVEL UPSET AT STATE TERMINAL

Will Be Out of Commission for Several Days—Dredge at Work.

A large number of men were employed on Thursday in righting the steam shovel which had been at work at the new steamship terminal in East New London. Tuesday night the shovel left its track and before its momentum could be checked had toppled over on its side, causing considerable damage to the machine. The house which covers the machinery was splintered and the boiler was damaged by the fall. Before the machine could be righted it was necessary to detach the large scoop with the result that several days must elapse before the shovel will be in commission.

Work has started on the foundation for the 10-inch layer of asphalt that is to cover the wharf. A pile driver was busy all day driving piles in groups of three. Forms have been made and the actual laying of the covering will commence soon.

A dredge is at work on the south side of the pier. The mud taken from the bottom is being loaded on barges and is being carried away.

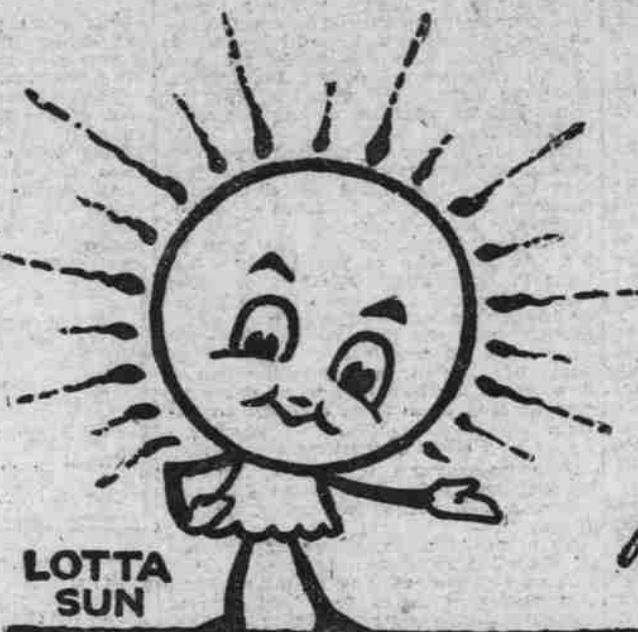
The entrance to the pier presents a bonanza opportunity for the groups having been leveled to the grade of the pier.

### New Superior Court Cases.

Two new cases that were filed in the superior court are returnable on the first Tuesday in February are "Naragansett Resolving Co. vs. John J. Carroll of Norwich on claim for \$15.95 and Patrick L. Shea of New London vs. Barney Kats of Norwich on a claim for \$4,990.

**Beltsol.** Plans are now being perfected for the Charity ball that is to be given for the benefit of the Bristol Boys club.

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### ITALIAN LINER WILL BE REFUSED CLEARANCE PAPERS

Until Guns Have Been Dismounted and Removed.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi which arrived at New York today with two three-inch rifles aboard manned by gunners of the royal Italian navy, will be refused clearance papers until the guns have been dismounted and removed.

Moreover, the state department officials tonight said an investigation will be made to determine whether the liner is armed solely for defense and not as a ship of war, liable to internment.

This action will be taken to insure against violation of the general rules enforced by the United States defining the status of armed merchant vessels entering its ports.

The state department probably will take up informally with the Italian government the question of removing the guns, acting as the precedent established in the case of the Waiman, and armed British vessel, which was removed.

The question of merchant ships carrying arms for defense has given officials much concern lately. It is involved at present in the inquiry into the sinking of the Italian liner Persia and officials here frankly admit some modification of the laws dealing with the subject is needed in light of changing conditions of warfare and the introduction of new elements such as the submarines.

### CLOSE OF CHURCH UNITY CONFERENCE.

Resolutions Passed Expressing Hope For World Peace.

New York, Jan. 6.—Resolutions expressing hope for world peace and outlining fundamental problems of church unity were adopted at the closing session today of the Church

### LONDON CLUBS ACTUALLY ADVERTISING FOR MEMBERS.

Erstwhile Exclusive, Their Waiting Lists Have Vanished.

London, Jan. 6.—The unprecedented spectacle of some of the most famous clubs in London actually advertising in the newspapers for members in one of the results of less than a year and a half of war. Clubs on Pall Mall and Piccadilly that for years have had waiting lists so long that members rushed round to enter their names immediately after the christening, have abolished entrance fees and are clamoring for candidates.

Some of the well informed in clubdom declare that the day of the London club has never to return.

### One well known clubman writes to his morning paper: "Most of us realize that no inducements that we can offer will fill the clubs again, even after the war. That inescapable visitation of Providence, the epidemic of golf, has already devastated club attendance and club finances. Motoring completed the havoc. The Englishman never in his history has lived so much in the open air as during the last twenty years. The sombre and sober glories of the 'best clubs' had ceased to thrill a new, more active and more exacting generation."

"Thus many a club member has seized the excuse of the war to hand in a resignation that was timidly pondered for years. Hundreds of good fellows have gone to the front hugging the satisfaction: 'At last I can slide out of that ten guinea a year for brushing my hair three times a year at the Belvoir Mansions.'"

"Not only golf, motoring and the war have caused the decline of club life. Many of the most imposing and exclusive clubs are elderly, dowdy and

### Believes in Preparedness.

Glad to hear that Mr. Taft has at last developed a keen interest in college athletics. With proper training he might run better if he ran again.—Boston Transcript.